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THE ADVOCATE OF PEACE AND ARBITRATION.

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R. B. HOWARD, EDITOR.

—The Editor acknowledges a very kind and cordial note from Mr. W. Evans Darby, the new secretary of the London Peace Society. He says, "We read with interest the *ADVOCATE OF PEACE*, and are pleased with the evidence it affords of your indefatigable activity in the cause of peace on your continent. The names of your eminent predecessors are remembered with deep and appreciative interest on this side of the Atlantic, especially those of Elihu Burritt and Rev. James B. Miles, whose visits to Europe were of a peculiarly stimulating and useful character. Let me assure you of my fraternal feeling and readiness to co-operate in our common work to the utmost of my ability." Mr. Darby expresses pleasure at the reception accorded Mr. William Jones in Boston, and assures us of a hearty welcome to England.

—A letter from the wife of the late Henry Richard expresses her thanks to the Executive Committee of the American Peace Society, for the resolutions of condolence as to the death of her late husband, and the sympathetic message accompanying them. She also writes of her husband, his life and work, and of her own bereavement, in a most beautiful and touching manner; but so personal as to preclude publication. The letter shows that in her our dear lost leader and instructor in the ways of peace, had a helpmeet worthy of his own pure and exalted character. To his visit to dear friends and native mountains she looked, and hoped for rest after an exacting session of Parliament. He indeed found rest, but not in Wales.

—Hon. W. E. Sheldon of Boston, President of the National Educational Association, has delivered his excellent lectures on "The Public School in its relation to Citizenship," sixty-two times in all parts of the Union. We are glad to hear that they will now be published for the use of the general public.

—The *Christian Statesman* of Philadelphia, the organ of the National Reform Association in its work in behalf of the Sabbath, the Christian Law of Divorce, and the Bible in the Public Schools, and an advocate of Peace, has put on a new dress of type, and gives other evidences of prosperity.

—The *New York Sun* allows itself to ridicule our famous citizen soldiers so far as to state that it is proposed to widen Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, so as to allow the passage of the Ancients and Honorables three abreast on the occasion of the inauguration parade.

—The Rev. Dr. Murdock, of Boston, addressed the Baptist ministers at New York, January 28th, and incidentally predicted the failures of Germany's "attempt to substitute ruin and gunpowder for Christ and religion in colonization."—*Boston Post*.

—Emperor William, in his speech from the throne, announced that deposits in savings banks had increased by 200,000,000 marks. The *Boston Globe* remarks—the young Emperor will now lie awake nights trying to think of some way to get hold of that money and use it to turn more useful workmen into useless soldiers.

A NEW PEACE SECRETARY.

We are pleased to learn from the *London Herald of Peace* that our confreres of the London Society have selected Mr. W. Evans Darby, for the place occupied so many years by Henry Richard, and recently made vacant by the resignation of William Jones. The older Peace Societies must bestir themselves, if they would mould and lead aright the rapidly growing peace sentiment of the world, and we rejoice in the multiplied meetings, the advance in pecuniary resources, and now the completion of its organization by our sister society over the sea. We cordially welcome Mr. Darby to the good work.

HAYTI.

Could anything be more abhorrent or disgusting than the wholesale robberies, burnings and murders going on in Hayti among the ignorant and passionate negroes of that island?

They call it war. Let Christian nations look in this glass and see themselves with only a little more refinement of mauling and murder. Vile men of our country sell the negroes arms and rum in the name of "commerce." The poor, half-savage people range themselves under different leaders called "Generals." They call it *civil war*! By all means let us have a league of American States, and as many other States as will join, one condition of which shall be "no war without an attempt to arbitrate." They who furnish arms and rum should be classed with those who furnish poisons.

INDIANS ARBITRATE.

The contending factions for the governorship of the Chicasaw Nation reached an agreement January 9, 1889. Each chief agreed to submit his claim to the governorship, to Secretary Vilas and allow him to decide, both agreeing to abide by the decision. The contest has been in progress now for three months, and has caused bloodshed and hard feelings throughout the nation.

ARBITRATION—HOLLAND AND FRANCE.

On December 22nd, the Dutch Parliament agreed to the ratification of a Treaty between France and Holland, referring to Arbitration the settlement of some outstanding disputes concerning the boundaries of the respective colonial possessions of the two nations in Cayenne and Surinam.

ITALY.

Another large meeting in deprecation of any warlike attitude on the part of the Italian Government, towards France, was held Jan. 13, in the Theatre at Milan, under the Presidency of Signor E. T. Moneta, the energetic leader of the friends of Peace in that part of Italy.

THE BLACK MAN AND THE WHITE MAN.

"To the African," says Professor Drummond, "the white man is a supreme being. His commonest acts are miracles; everywhere his word is law. He can prevent death and war if he but speak the word. And let a single European settle with fifty square miles of heathen around him, and in a short time he will be their king, their law-giver, and their judge." If this is true, or any approach to the truth, what a tremendous responsibility rests upon the white man.